

In re: Doyle et al.
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REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the thorough examination of the current application as evidenced by the Final Office Action dated June 23, 2005 (the "Action").

The above amendments have been made to address the rejections of Claims 46, 73-79, 94, 96-99 and 101 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Entry of these amendments is requested as no new issues have been raised. In particular, Applicants have merely corrected informalities noted by the Examiner.

In the following remarks, the Applicants will show that independent Claims 45, 74, 80, 82, 86, 87, 96 and 99 are patentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,173,322 to Hu ("Hu") and U.S. Patent No. 6,421,711 to Blumenau et al ("Blumenau"), and that independent Claim 101 is patentable over Hu, Blumenau and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0174307 to Yoshida ("Yoshida").

Reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and allowance of all claims is thus respectfully requested.

I. Claims 45, 74, 80, 82, 86, 87, 96 and 99 are patentable over Hu and Blumenau

A. Claims 45, 74, 82, 86, 87, and 96

Independent Claim 45 recites, with emphasis added, a method of serving objects in a computing network, the method including:

receiving a request for an object stored on an intelligent storage system, the request being received by a web server, and the intelligent storage system comprising a plurality of storage devices and a control unit configured to determine a mapping for the request to one of the plurality of storage devices;
evaluating the request based on criteria;
if the criteria are met, redirecting the request to the control unit of the intelligent storage system; and
if the criteria are not met, serving the stored object via the web server.

Independent Claims 74, 82, 86, 87, and 96 similarly recite redirecting the request to the control unit of the intelligent storage system.

The Action concedes that Hu does not disclose an intelligent storage system including a plurality of storage devices and a control unit configured to determine a mapping for the

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